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SUBJ: CCD: 626TH PLENARY MEETING, AUG 30, 1973

1. SUMMARY: MARTIN (US) CHALLENGED THE MISCONCEPTION  
THAT SUCCESS OF NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT) DEPENDED  
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SOLELY ON EXTENT AND PACE OF ARMS CONTROL ACHIEVEMENTS OF  
NUCLEAR POWERS, POINTING OUT UNIVERSAL BENEFITS OF TREATY.  
HE CITED ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED  
SINCE 1968, PARTICULARLY THOSE RESULTING FROM SALT. HE

WELCOMED JAPANESE INITIATIVE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) AND NOTED ITS GRADUAL APPROACH WHICH RELATES SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES TO BE PROHIBITED TO POSSIBILITIES OF VERIFICATION. MARTIN DESCRIBED US RESTRAINT IN NOT PRODUCING CHEMICAL WEAPONS SINCE 1968 AND IN PHASING OUT PARTS OF ITS CW STOCKPILE. ROSHCHIN (USSR) DEFENDED OVERALL RECORD OF CCD. HE SAID FAVORABLE PROSPECTS FOR CW WILL OPEN UP ONLY WHEN THERE IS GREATER EVIDENCE OF READINESS TO REACH AGREEMENT. HE TERMED JAPANESE WORKING PAPER ON CW "A DEFINITE CONTRIBUTIONS." KHATTABI (MOROCCO) BLAMED US FOR IMPASSE ON CW AND SUGGESTED CW SHOULD NO LONGER BE AGENDA ITEM FOR CCD UNLESS CONCRETE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY US. END SUMMARY.

2. MARTIN, IN DISCUSSION OF BASIC PURPOSES OF NPT AND PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL SINCE 1968, CHALLENGED SEEMINGLY WIDELY-HELD MISCONCEPTION THAT SUCCESS OF TREATY DEPENDS SOLELY ON EXTENT AND PACE OF ARMS CONTROL ACHIEVEMENTS OF NUCLEAR POWERS. HE HOPED THAT DELS' WARNINGS THAT NPT COULD BE PLACED IN JEOPARDY IF ARMS CONTROL PROGRESS IS NOT MORE RAPID WOULD NOT BECOME SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECIES BY INCLINING DELS TO LOSE CONFIDENCE IN NPT OR UNDERVALUE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. HE SAID THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD FIND ENCOURAGEMENT, RATHER THAN DISAPPOINTMENT OR APPREHENSION, IN THE RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, CITING SALT AGREEMENTS AND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR. HE PROMISED FULL US COOPERATION IN MAKING 1975 REVIEW CONFERENCE CONSTRUCTIVE.

3. TURNING TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS, MARTIN EXPLAINED THAT THE US HAD NOT PUT FORTH A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL BECAUSE NO APPROACH HAD BEEN FOUND WHICH COULD FULLY RESOLVE INHERENT PROBLEMS, BUT RAFFIRMED US DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE EFFORTS. HE WELCOMED JAPANESE INITIATIVE AND OBSERVED THAT IT IS BASED ON A GRADUAL APPROACH IN WHICH THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES TO BE PROHIBITED IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO POSSIBILITIES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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VERIFICATION. HE TOOK NOTE PARTICULARLY OF THE JAPANESE SUGGESTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION ORGANIZATION AND FOR AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE, WHICH IS REFERRED TO AS "INSPECTION BY COOPERATION" BUT SAID US WOULD WISH TO HEAR FURTHER ELABORATION OF DETAILS BEFORE REACHING A JUDGMENT ON EFFECTIVENESS THESE PROCEDURES.

4. MARTIN PRAISED NETHERLANDS REP'S STATEMENT RE INSPECTION THAT THERE IS NO INFRINGEMENT OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IF STATES, IN THE FREE EXERCISE OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY, AGREE TO ALLOT CERTAIN RIGHTS, WHICH COULD BE WITHDRAWN IF ABUSED, TO AN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN. HE CONCLUDED BY INFORMING

COMMITTEE THAT THE US HAS NOT PRODUCED ANY LETHAL CHEMICAL WEAPONS SINCE 1968 AND HAS BEEN PHASING OUT PARTS OF ITS CW STOCKPILE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND SAID HE HOPED US RESTRAINT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO MUTUAL EFFORTS TO SEEK EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL LIMITATIONS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

5. ROSHCHIN DISAGREED WITH NEGATIVE APPRAISALS OF CCD'S WORK AND SAID DELS SHOULD BASE THEIR ASSESSMENTS ON ENTIRE 12 YEARS THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE, CALLING ATTENTION TO TREATIES WHICH HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED. HE REPEATED CALL FOR CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) IN ORDER TO OVERCOME SHORTCOMINGS OF NON-PARTICIPATION OF TWO NUCLEAR POWERS IN DISARMAMENT TALKS. HE NOTED APPROVINGLY THE EXISTENCE OF MANY DISARMAMENT FORUMS, MENTIONING SALT, MBFR, AND THE CSCE, AND SAID PROGRESS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON WORK OF CCD.

6. HE BLAMED THE WESTERN POWERS FOR THE IMPASSE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON A PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. HE SAID FAVORABLE PROSPECTS "WILL OPEN UP ONLY WHEN THERE IS EVIDENCE OF THE READINESS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, BE IT ON THE BASIS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' DRAFT OR ON SOME OTHER CONCRETE BASIS." HE TERMED JAPANESE WORKING PAPER ON CW "A DEFINITE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXAMINATION OF THIS PROBLEM," AND SAID IT WOULD BE EXAMINED BY THE SOVIET SIDE WITH DUE ATTENTION.

7. ROSHCHIN CLAIMED THAT THE JULY EXPERTS MEETINGS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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PROBLEMS OF VERIFYING A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, AS WELL AS STATEMENTS MADE DURING PLENARY SESSIONS, CONFIRMED SOVIET VIEW THAT THE REAL OBSTACLE TO CTB IS FAILURE OF WESTERN STATES TO MAKE POLITICAL DECISION. HE SAID REQUIREMENTS FOR MEASURES OF CONTROL PRESENTED BY SOME DELS IN CONNECTION WITH A CTB AND A PROHIBITION ON CW WERE CREATING AN OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENTS, AND THAT RISK OF A POSSIBLE VIOLATION IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE DANGERS OF NOT REACHING AGREEMENTS. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS, THOUGH NOT YIELDING IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL RESULTS, WERE "NOT USELESS," AND CALLED ON DELS TO TAKE POLITICAL DECISIONS TO ASSURE PROGRESS IN THE FUTURE.

8. KHATTAHI CHARGED THAT TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WERE BEING USED AS PRETEXT FOR NOT REACHING AGREEMENT ON A PROHIBITION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND SAID HIS DEL HAD COME TO CONCLUSION THAT CW SHOULD NO LONGER BE A SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION IN THE CCD, UNLESS US PRESENTED CONCRETE PROPOSAL. HE SAID ONE COULD NOT FAIL TO NOTICE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ABSENCE OF A US PROPOSAL AND FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE

GENEVA PROTOCOL OF 1925 BY THE "HOLDER OF A VERY LARGE AMOUNT OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS." HE TERMED THE REPORT TO THE UNGA "RECOGNITION OF THE DEPLORABLE FAILUR" OF THE COMMITTEE.

9. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE REPORT TO THE UNGA AND UNDC COVERING ITS 1973 SESSIONS.

10. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT DATE OF RECONVENING OF CONFERENCE WILL BE SET BY CO-CHAIRMEN AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELS.

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